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S. 208

To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop and implement a plan to provide security for cargo entering the United States or being transported in intrastate or interstate commerce.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 23, 2003

Ms. SNOWE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF**
4 **CARGO SECURITY PLAN.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March 31, 2003,
6 the Under Secretary for Border and Transportation Secu-
7 rity shall develop and submit a detailed plan to the Com-
8 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the

1 Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infra-
 2 structure of the House of Representatives to—

3 (1) ensure the adequacy of security measures
 4 for the transportation of cargo into and in the
 5 United States; and

6 (2) oversee the implementation, and ensure the
 7 adequacy, of security measures with respect to cargo
 8 at airports and other transportation facilities.

9 (b) IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERIM AND FINAL
 10 PLAN.—

11 (1) FINAL PLAN.—Not later than March 31,
 12 2004, the Under Secretary for Border and Trans-
 13 portation Security shall fully implement a plan to
 14 ensure cargo security for all cargo entering the
 15 United States or cargo moving in intrastate or inter-
 16 state commerce in the United States.

17 (2) INTERIM CARGO SECURITY MEASURES.—Be-
 18 tween the date of enactment of this Act and March
 19 31, 2004, the Under Secretary for Border and
 20 Transportation Security shall implement the fol-
 21 lowing cargo security measures:

22 (A) Random screening of at least 5 percent
 23 of cargo at airports and other transportation
 24 facilities.

1 (B) An authentication policy for shippers
2 to ensure that shippers use documents with
3 adequate security features to prevent shippers
4 that are not known to the Federal Government
5 from shipping cargo under the name of known
6 shippers.

7 (C) Regular audits of shippers, freight for-
8 warders, air carriers, and other entities involved
9 in aviation shipping in order to ensure full com-
10 pliance with security procedures and back-
11 ground checks for cargo handlers.

12 (D) Development of a training program for
13 entities that handle cargo to ensure that cargo
14 is properly handled and to safeguard cargo
15 from security breaches.

16 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
17 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be
18 necessary to carry out the provisions of this section and
19 to ensure that airports and other transportation facilities
20 have state-of-the-art cargo screening equipment.

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